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For: METHOD, COMPUTER )  
PROGRAM PRODUCT AND )  
COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR A )  
SINGLE DATABASE SYSTEM TO )  
SUPPORT MULTIPLE )  
APPLICATION SYSTEMS )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 7, please replace the paragraph that begins "[t]he present  
invention generally" with the following paragraph:

--The present invention generally relates to database systems for application  
systems, and more particularly, relates to methods, computer program products and  
systems for improving the efficiency of database management in a multi-application  
system landscape.--

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